



## BRAINSTORMS

With Ferris Cox

It is no secret that Florida football coach Steve Spurrier is no favorite in this corner, but it is hard to knock someone who in November about beating Alabama was more important than beating arch rival Florida State (even while Florida was #1 in the nation) was awful dumb in our thinking. After Florida State beat them in a thrilling game, Florida dropped from the #1 position, even though they did beat Alabama. All that confirmed our thoughts about Spurrier. But then ... they went to the Sugar Bowl last week for a rematch and it was all Florida in a convincing thrashing of the team which had tumbled them from the ranks of the unbeaten weeks earlier. When the dust had settled, Mr. Spurrier's team was the ultimate #1 football team in the nation for the 1996 season. You have to have at least a little respect for someone with such success!

The public school board in Oakland, California is catching a lot of flak for their position of accepting bionics as correct language in English classes. Exactly what the board members meant is beyond this corner writer. One night we watched a TV news program where several school board members, other California educators and the head of the NAACP debated both what was said and what was actually meant as well as the merits (and demerits) of the board's proposals on teaching and/or accepting bionics as correct English. It is not often we find ourselves in total agreement with Rev. Jesse Jackson plus the head of the NAACP and Alabama's Representative Alvin Holmes, but on this matter we join them in condemning the idea. It should be considered an insult to say any race of Americans, or any human race anywhere, is not smart enough to learn standard English. Slang is slang ... and it should be recognized as such and not taught in the public schools to people supposedly being prepared to compete on equal terms with others in the business world of the good old USA!

There is little doubt that a fix is needed in the Social Security system to insure there will be a check there for our children and grandchildren. However, the experts need to tread slowly when thinking about investing these funds in the stock market, or anywhere by some person making judgement calls. Along with the greedy folks who might figure out a way to steal large chunks of the reserves, there are those, like happened in several county governments last year, who will invest the money so poorly that it could break the bank completely. When that happens, and if plans are not made very carefully ... it will, the welfare rolls will rise sharply and for a long time, and you can't blame those on welfare for that raw deal.

It was shocking to hear talk of raising the pay of a state employee by thousands of dollars. It was bad enough a person said, with a straight face, he deserved such a raise, but to have lawmakers consider it seriously enough to schedule hearings on it is scary. The bright news was when Alabama's Lt. Governor announced plans for a review of state salaries to see how many were being overpaid. When the highest paid department head in the South is considered for a raise several times above the average income in Alabama, it is time to find out if someone else wants that job.

Elba folks shudder when the TV news programs flash pictures of all the flooding in the western US. Actually, as horrible as our flooding was in 1990, we only had cool weather, not the freezing stuff they are having right now. Also, some folks around here can prayfully relate to those who have just finished repairs from last year's flooding, only to be hit with it again. Just ask your friends in Riverview about that situation.

Charles Lindsey is the new "head man" at the Coffee County Lake. He says the lake will open for fishing on February 1st. Right now, according to Lindsey, the water is muddy from all the jumping and floundering around of the hungry bream and bass in the public lake!

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**PLAQUE OF APPRECIATION**...Elba Chief of Police Ronnie Whitworth (right) is shown above presenting Richard Patterson, owner of RiCay Jewelers in Elba, with a plaque of appreciation. Patterson donated the plaques given to the winners during the recent pistol competition held by the Elba Police Department. He also engraved the winners' names on the plaques after they were presented.

## ELBA POLICE REPORT

DECEMBER 30, 1996 THRU JANUARY 5, 1997

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, December 30, 1996, investigated the following incidents: one sexual abuse, two reckless endangerment, one VPI, one DUI, one assault, one harassment, two thefts of property, two menacing, one death investigation, two public intoxication, one harassing communication, and one criminal mischief.

Arrests were as follows: one for reckless endangerment, one for VPI, one for receiving stolen property, one for public intoxication, and one for harassment.

Traffic citations issued were as follows: one for reckless driving, seven for speeding, one for DUI, one for attempting to elude, one for improper lights, one for no driver's license, one for improper tag, one for an expired tag, and one for running a stop sign.

Daily activity highlights were as follows:  
**MONDAY, DECEMBER 30** - Alarm at Dixie Ford (4:25 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Co. Rd. 306 (6:44 a.m.); River stage - 4.31 feet (6:47 a.m.); Grass fire at Little Beaver Trailer Court (1:19 p.m.); Prowler reported on Highland Dr. (6:40 p.m.).

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31** - River stage - 4.27 feet (6:29 a.m.); Disturbance reported on Johnson St. (9:25 a.m.); Routine activity.

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1** - Rescue run to a residence on Guyton St. (2:03 a.m.); River stage - 4.25 feet (6:12 a.m.); Rescue run to Morrow Village (9:46 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on U. S. Hwy. 84E (11:16 a.m.); Wreck reported on Taylor Mill Road (3:20 p.m.).

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 2** - River stage - 4.26 feet (6:25 a.m.); Rescue run to Hardee's (12:26 p.m.); Disturbance reported at Beaver Dam Apis. (6:17 p.m.).

### REPORT A CRIME CALL CRIMESTOPPERS

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### ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following persons admitted during the time period of December 30, 1996 through January 6, 1997.

They were: Katiya Williams, Sonya Barnes, Lucille Stackhouse, Larry Griffin, Alto Rushing, Lucille Jones, Betty Driggers, Zola Meeks, James Kyle, Virginia McGowan, Lisha Owens, Alonzo Cole, Mary Bryan, W. B. Baldwin, Amber Pope, Sandra Richardson, Zeb Scott, Myrtle Hudson, Marvin Lindsey, Bobby Ware, Michael Blocker, Christopher McDonald, Jonathan Edwards, James Richburg, and Roberta Robinson.

Patients discharged during the same period of time were: Clint Dykes, Willie Dismukes, Marvin Lindsey, Larry Griffin, Trudie Jackson, Lisha Owens, Lucille Stackhouse, Sonya Barnes, Virginia McGowan, James Kyle, Lucille Jones, Betty Driggers, Sandra Richardson, Alto Rushing, and Katiya Williams.

\*\*\* The only way to entertain some folks is to listen to them. —Kin Hubbard

### MAKING OURSELVES CLEARER

The Elba Clipper wants to correct errors that appear in this newspaper. Any reader wishing to point out our errors, whether ours or those of our sources, should contact the editor at 897-3823. Clarifications will appear promptly in this space.

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WATER & ELECTRIC - Tuesday following 2nd Monday - 6:00 p.m. - City Hall.  
COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Mondays of each month - County Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton.  
LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 6:30 p.m. - Sunline Clubhouse.  
ELBA CITY SCOUTS BOARD - 1st Tues. - 5:30 p.m. - Sup. Office.  
AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Tues. - 7:30 p.m. - Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.  
RESCUE SQUAD - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 7:00 p.m. - Rescue Squad Building.  
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BAND REHEARSAL - 1st Mon. - 7 p.m. - Band Room @ Elba High School.  
VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER - Mon-Fri - 8:12 noon - 4:30 p.m. - New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 894-5854.  
COFFEE COUNTY CO-OPERATIVES ASSN. - 2nd Sat. - 3 p.m. - Club House.  
COFFEE COUNTY WOMEN - 3rd Wed. Noon - Country Inn, Enterprise.  
AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Tuesdays - 7:30 p.m. - City Hall Conference Room.  
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## FROM THE HOUSE

Congressman  
Terry Everett

### Looking Back at 1996 in Southeast Alabama

Now that 1996 is in the history books, I feel it best to offer my annual look back at the major events affecting the Second Congressional District of Alabama from a Washington perspective.

Much as in 1995, the past year was one of challenges. From defending our farming jobs, to enhancing and protecting our local military bases, to securing additional medical care for our veterans, it was an eventful twelve months. Here's an overview.

This year the Fort Rucker community in the Wiregrass received some good news. The Pentagon began the relocation process of the Army Airworthiness Test Directorate, including some 41 civilian and eight military jobs from southern California to Fort Rucker. The move was the final phase of the Defense Department's 1995 decision to keep the Aviation Technical Test Center (ATTC) and 200 jobs at Fort Rucker.

In a time when defense installations are being scaled back or closed, this was particularly welcome news for Fort Rucker and the Second District. Speaking of military jobs, for Maxwell-Gunter Air Force Base in Montgomery, along with Fort Rucker, I was able to obtain \$52.1 million for installation improvements to meet new mission requirements and continue important ongoing quality of life projects. Maxwell, for example, is continuing work on its new base medical center, while Fort Rucker is modernizing 256 base family housing units in some need of repairs. New control towers to provide improved air traffic safety at Fort Rucker's Army Aviation Center were also approved in 1996.

The preceding year also witnessed federal approval of military weapons systems and aircraft. This translates into continued jobs at Tallahassee's DOW-UT aircraft composite parts facility, Pike County's Lockheed Martin missile assembly plant, and Eufaula's TCS Applied Technologies missile assembly facility.

On the agriculture front, aggressive efforts to eliminate the federal peanut program by candy manufacturers and the national media were turned back. These attempts, if successful, would have had the effect of terminating thousands of Southeast Alabama jobs. However, the new federal Farm Bill reauthorized the peanut program for an additional seven years, clearing the way for Wiregrass peanut farmers to continue growing their crops while protecting Wiregrass jobs.

One of the late events of 1996, but no less important, was the announcement that Southeast Alabama veterans will soon have access to outpatient medical care. In mid-October, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs approved my request to establish a veterans outpatient clinic within easy reach of the some 30,000 veterans in Southeast Alabama. This concludes years of lobbying for this much-needed facility by local veterans groups, including the Wiregrass Veterans Alliance.

From looking out for the needs of my constituents, to shepherding federal programs which have a direct effect on thousands of Southeast Alabama jobs, I am pleased to share this sampling of some of the accomplishments of 1996. Already, it looks like 1997 will present new opportunities and challenges. As always, I look forward to representing and working for the people of Alabama's Second District.

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**Matt Scarbrough remembered at Christmas time**  
This poem was written by a neighbor and co-worker of Matt's Mother after seeing the light his family had placed in his window at Christmas. It speaks for all of us who love and miss him. Matt was killed in an automobile accident on March 10, 1996. He was 15 years old. His organs were donated so that others might have the gift of life.

He was survived by his parents, Bill and Jean Scarbrough, and a sister, Lauren, of Troy. He is the beloved grandson of Wilson and Eleanor Dozier of Troy and William and Jean Scarbrough of Elba.

**One Light in the Window**  
It's Christmas in the neighborhood  
Christmas everywhere,  
But there's one light in the window  
With a feeling of despair.  
We lost him along the way,  
There's one light in the window  
We think of him each day.  
The greatest love, the greatest joy  
Many lives were touched,  
The greatest shock, sadness, heartache  
We loved him very much.  
Because he lived but went away  
The gift of life was shared,  
Because of loving parents  
Many others have been saved.  
Peace and joy will come again  
He would want it so,  
One light in the window  
In the sky - a rainbow.  
There's one light in the window  
It shines for Matt we know,  
But many lights in many hearts  
Will shine brightly for Matt Scarbrough.

Linda Smith - December 1996

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

**Open Letter to the Editor:**  
To the citizens of District 1. When I was seeking office I made the statement that I would keep you informed of events and accomplishments in our district. I also stated that this information would be given to you by ways of newsletters or the local newspaper. Some of the projects completed in District 1 are listed as follows:

1. Major ditch work on West Street.
2. Ditch project completed on Martin Luther King Drive in front of Ellison Barber Shop.
3. Street lights placed in various areas.
4. Mr. Banning, along with Boswell Insurance Company, made it possible for "Children At Play" and speed limit signs to be placed in many different locations in our district, and the city as a whole.

5. The Elba Police Department is patrolling the Mulberry Heights area a little more often than the past years.

6. Members of District 1 presented a plaque to the Elba General Hospital and Nursing Home for their outstanding services to the community.

7. A commitment from the Chamber of Commerce and Hit County WZTZ to assist in a "Mass Clean-Up" in District 1.

Note: If you have a complaint, suggestion, or an idea please submit it to me, your council member, by way of telephone or letter. I'm working with the people for the people. I represent you.

Winnell Gray  
Council Member - District 1

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## Lions Club has Fran Miles as their guest speaker in December

Past District Governor Fran Miles of Enterprise spoke about Lionism to the Elba Lions Club at their ladies night on December 10, 1996. He said the Lions are members of a service-oriented group of clubs under an international organization, where each member enjoys fellowship, develops leadership capacity, and dedicates part of his or her free time to help those in need in their own community first, but also in the rest of the world.

The primary aim of Lionism is service to the club's community. With a few exceptions, the funds raised come from their own area and are used for planned service projects such as eye exams and glasses for the indigent, sending diabetic children to Camp Seal Harris to develop self-esteem and learn to cope independently with diabetes, sending junior and senior high school boys and girls to a Lions leadership camp, interacting with Alabama Sight Association and Alabama Lions Eye Hospital, Birmingham, AL, for surgery, prosthetics, and other critical medical needs—these and many, many other services.

He briefly covered the history of Lions Clubs International which had its beginning in June 1917 and currently is headquartered in Oak Brook, Illinois serving 14 million service-minded men and women in over 43,000 clubs in 181 countries or geographical areas worldwide. Lions come from every walk of life, from every race and religious belief, all sharing a common purpose—dedicated to a single concept—service to mankind—helping people less fortunate than ourselves. The spirit of Lionism is embodied in its motto, "We Serve". Lions are a group bonded together to do things that cannot be done solely by individuals. The key to being a Lion is involvement—using one's talents, skills, and experience by serving on a committee or as an elected officer of the club. These enhance one's growth professionally and personally. Wherever men and women of goodwill gather, you will find Lions, that is, persons who care, working hard to make the communities of the world a better place to live, to work, and to raise a family.

Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc. to hold meeting January 9th.

Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc. will hold its regular monthly meeting at the VFW in Daleville on January 9, 1997 at 6:30 a.m. sharp. The meeting is open to the public. All veterans and their families are welcome.

Share Your Views.

Write a Letter To The Editor !!

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## AREA DEATHS

**COSTON CAULEY**  
Coston Cauley, age 75 of Opp, Alabama, died Sunday, January 6, 1997 at his home.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 8, 1997 from Rainer Funeral Home of Opp, AL.

Burial followed in Peaceful Acres with Rainer Funeral Home directing. Survivors include a daughter, Sharon Jones of Enterprise, AL; five sons, Jerry Cauley, Terry Cauley, Tommy Cauley, Ronnie Cauley, and Harry Cauley, all of Opp, AL; three sisters, Dot Kendrick of Niceville, Florida and Catherine McCall and Lucille Phillips, both of Opp, AL; a brother, Elmer Cauley of Elba, AL; 14 grandchildren; 5 great grandchildren.

**CHARLIE C. CARTER**  
Charlie C. Carter, age 95 of Jack, Alabama, died Sunday, January 5, 1997 in a Dothan, AL hospital.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 7, 1997 from the Haw Hill Assembly of God Church with Rev. Shirley Ellis, Rev. Ray Stinson, and Rev. Earl Quiller officiating.

Burial followed in the church cemetery with Dillard-Jackson-Bryan Funeral Home of Brundidge, AL directing. Survivors include a daughter, Janina Scroggins of Ozark, AL; two sons, Charles Ray Carter of Jack, AL and Clifton Carter of Elba, AL; 11 grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren.

**EARLENE EGGERS PRICE**  
Earlene Eggers Price, age 62 of Prattville, Alabama, died Monday, January 6, 1997 in a Prattville, AL hospital.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 8, 1997 from Zora Holness Church with Rev. Jimmy Porter officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery with Turner Funeral Home of Laverne, AL directing.

Survivors include three daughters, Sherry Young of Elba, AL; two sons, James B. Dodson of Nashville, Tennessee and Houston H. Dodson of Level Plains, AL; one sister, Betty H. Hamm of Huntsville, AL; one brother, Stephen E. Ham of Talladega, AL; 9 grandchildren; 15 great grandchildren.

**FRANK W. "RAY" SMITH**  
Frank W. "Ray" Smith, age 54 of Enterprise, Alabama, died Sunday, December 29, 1996 at his home.

Memorial services were held at 11:00 a.m., Thursday, January 2, 1997 at 107 Fitzsimmons Street, New Brockton, AL with Rev. Wilburn Kirkland officiating. Hayes Funeral Home directed the service. Survivors include his wife, Wanda Smith of Enterprise, AL; and his mother, Lillie Mae Smith of Samson, AL.

**WILBURN MIXON "MACK" TAYLOR**  
Wilburn Mixon "Mack" Taylor, age 81 of Elba, Alabama, died Tuesday, December 31, 1996 in an Elba, AL hospital.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 1, 1997 from the Hayes Funeral Home Chapel with Elder James Donaldson officiating. Burial followed in the Pine Level Community Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife, Deal M. Taylor of Elba, AL; a daughter and son-in-law, Bobbie and Alvin Cordell of Elba, AL; two brothers, Bobby Taylor of Opp, AL and Ted Taylor of Bay Minette, AL; two sisters, Vergie Rodgers of Andalusia, AL and Myrtis Bankston of Warner Robbins, Georgia.

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Gail &amp; Jerry Salter

### Jerry & Gail Salter to be honored on 25th Anniversary

Jerry and Gail Salter will be honored by their children for their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary, with a reception on Saturday, January 11, 1997, from two until four in the afternoon, at the couple's home located on County Rd. 611 (Coffee). For directions call (334) 347-4722 home or (334) 393-1305 Shannon. All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

## Socials & Community News

### Mrs. Miles & Mrs. Thompson host the January Magnolia Home & Garden Club meeting

On Thursday, January 2, 1997, the Magnolia Home and Garden Club met in the home of Mrs. Ann Miles for its first meeting of the New Year. Assisting Ann as hostess was June Thompson.

The order of the meeting was reviewed to accommodate the guest speaker, Mrs. Linda Durrance, Executive Director of Opportunity House, Opp, Alabama. Opportunity House is a place of refuge for abused and battered women and basically serves Covington County. However, many Covington County residents are accepted and their needs attended. Mrs. Durrance revealed startling statistics, local and national, concerning this problem. Club members were reminded that abuse emerges in many forms such as physical, mental, sexual, emotional, and economic.

A short business meeting followed the program with Gene Kennett presiding. At this time a resignation was approved from Mary Lee. The sixteen members present also

### Birth Announcement

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Cody Steven Hollingsworth

Phillip and Dina (McLain) Hollingsworth, Jr. of Millbrook, AL, are proud to announce the birth of their son, Cody Steven Hollingsworth. He was born on November 11, 1996 at 1:46 p.m. at Columbia Regional Medical Center in Montgomery, AL. He weighed 7 lbs. 15 oz. and was 20 1/2 inches long.

Cody's great grandparents are Marvin McLain of Elba, AL, Judy and Jimmy Hart of Eclectic, AL, and Phillip and Margaret Hollingsworth, Sr. of Wetumpka, AL.

Cody's great grandparents are Cecil McLain of Citronelle, AL and Leroy and Claude Mae Stewart of Elba, AL.

He has a brother and sister, Rob and Alex, and an aunt, Kristi McLain of Millbrook, AL.



Shelby &amp; Paul Morrow

### Shelby and Paul Morrow celebrate birthdays

Shelby and Paul Morrow recently celebrated their birthdays in their home in Dothan. Shelby was two years old on December 27, 1996 and Paul was seven years old on January 4, 1997. They are the children of Susan and Mason Morrow of Dothan.

### Dr. Mary Ann Turner receives Fellowship Award recently

Dr. Mary Ann Turner, daughter of Nancy K. Turner of Elba, Alabama and the late Lowell W. Turner, received a Fellowship Award from the American College of Radiology at a special ceremony in San Antonio, Texas, October 1, 1996. The award is given for outstanding achievement and contribution to the field of radiology. Dr. Turner is one of only 140 out of 25,000 radiologists in the United States to receive the Fellowship recognition.

Dr. Turner received her M.D. degree from the University of Alabama Medical School. She completed an internship in surgery and a residency in diagnostic radiology, as well as subspecialty training in gastrointestinal/abdominal radiology. She currently practices diagnostic radiology at the Medical College of Virginia Hospitals in Richmond, Virginia, one of the largest academic medical centers in the country. Dr. Turner is Professor of Radiology at the Medical College of Virginia and Director of Abdominal Imaging.

### The Panhandle Philatelic Society to host "Stampfest 1" January 18th

The Panhandle Philatelic Society is holding its first "Stampfest 1" on January 18th, 1997. The show will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 1001 S. Main Street, Fort Walton Beach, Florida. Show hours will be 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Admission and parking are free. Philatelic fun for all ages. For additional information, contact Fred Bradford at (904) 651-2770.



DECEMBER 14, 1996 SHILOH CHURCH SPONSORED A SINGING ON THE SQUARE. WMU Ladies of Shiloh was the starting group for the day's entertainment. The weather was great outside. There were 15 groups joining in to celebrate Christmas. The groups came from Birmingham to Florida and several points in between. The day started off at 8:30 with prayer from Shiloh Pastor, Campbell Sasser, and ended as scheduled at 5 p.m. Shiloh Church members express their gratitude to everyone that helped plan and carry out this program. Special thanks goes to The Elba Chamber of Commerce that loaned the stage and red skirt, Ivey Daugherty who built the manger. Garden Gate, Bradley's and Elba Florist for loaning us the poinsettias, Joe Coppage for the hay and also the men who set up the stage and took it down. Plans are to do this again.

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### Annual Coffee County Pastor Deacon Layman Retreat to be held

The annual Coffee County Pastor, Deacon, Layman Retreat will be held Saturday, January 11, 1997 at First Baptist Church New Brockton. The retreat will begin at 8:00 a.m. with biscuit breakfast and end at noon. Special guest will be Mr. Ernest Dyess, Camden, AL. Rev. Kevin Kelley will be worship and praise leader. Mike Lindsey pastor, Mark Wainwright deacon testimony; and Rev. Sam Totten pastor testimony. All men are invited to attend. There is no cost for this retreat.

### PASTOR'S CORNER

HARRIS TEMPLE C.O.G.I.C.  
W. K. ELLISON

### Forgiveness

Forgiveness defined by Webster is having the capacity to excuse, to pardon, to remit or cancel any wrongful acts committed toward an individual. Matthew 18:21-35 tells us that we are to forgive our brother not seven times, but seventy times seven. An unforgiving heart blocks access to the Kingdom of God and to its marvelous power. (Mark 11:22-26)

The first person you probably have not forgiven is yourself. More people lack forgiveness toward themselves than toward anybody else. They are unwilling to forgive themselves and to recognize that God says, "As far as the east is from the west, so far have I removed your transgressions from you" (Ps. 103:12). If you are a believer, He has already cleansed your conscience from dead works so that you might serve the living God. God cleanses us for service in order not to leave us with the guilt of past sin. That should be dead, buried, and forgotten.

The second person we have to forgive, if we have bitterness, is God Himself. There are people who blame God because a child died, because a husband ran away, because they have been sick, because they have not had enough money. Consciously or unconsciously, they think all of these things are God's fault. There is deep-seated resentment; yet you cannot be resentful toward God and experience Kingdom Power flowing in your life: you have to rid yourself of any bitterness toward God. That may take some soul searching. You must ask yourself, "Am I blaming God for my situation?"

The third person you may have to forgive is a member of your family. You have to get rid of resentment, especially toward those closest to you. The husbands, the wives, the children, and the parents - all must be forgiven on when slights and resentments have built up in family situations. Many people say, "Well I didn't think that counted. I thought that was just a family matter." All lack of forgiveness has to be eliminated.

Finally, there has to be forgiveness for anybody else who has ever done anything against you. It may be that your resentment is justified. The person may have done a very evil, terrible thing to you. You may have every legal and intellectual right to hold a grudge and to hate that person. But if you want to see Kingdom life and power in your life, it is absolutely imperative that you forgive.

Forgive them to the point where you actually feel yourself cleansed of resentment and bitterness and are actually praying for them. If you do not, the lack of forgiveness will make it impossible for God's power to be released to and in you. The miracle of life depends 100 percent on your relationship to God the Father. That relationship is built strictly on the strength of His forgiveness of your sins.

As we enter this new year, let's search our hearts for any feelings of resentment and unforgiveness. If you find any there, "Let's do the right thing." FORGIVE; and allow the Kingdom of God's Power to flow in your life.

### Shiloh Baptist Church to have Gospel Singing January 18th

Shiloh Baptist Church is having a gospel singing January 18, 1997 beginning at 6:00 p.m. Sound of Hope from New Brockton & Elba will be the featured singing group. Everyone is invited to attend.

Deadline For Social & Church News Is MONDAY!

IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN.

HOPE OF TRUTH - WELB 1:59 AM - 1:58:25 PM - Sun. Rev. James Rodgers

Now Devotion WELB Monday thru Friday 12:12-12:25 p.m. Bill Beck

ALBERTSON BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. John W. McCrumb

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BLESSED SPRINGS BAPTIST - Eddie Saw Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Mom. Worship 11:00 a.m. Evn. Service 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet. 7:00 p.m.

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### ROUND AND ABOUT WITH ERIA 897-2006

Thinking of you, praying for you. The McBride family, the Jackson and Hammond families, Pearl Tills, Marie Tills, Tina Williams, Ella M. Brooks, Grover Belcher, Wallace Belcher, Collis Belcher, Johnnie M. Daniels, Lee Heald, Rev. Henry Ewing Jr., Rev. Charles Lane.

January Birthdays Jan. 16; Tullman Lindsey; Jan. 14 (In Memory Of).

Installation Service The installation of Rev. Darrell Caldwell will be held January 12, 1997 at 3:30 p.m. at Bethlehem MB Church of Elba, AL.

The devotion will be by officers of Antioch, Bethlehem, and Bethel. Scripture: Old Testament - Rev. A.R. Williams; New Testament - Rev. A.C. Darby, Rev. J.C. Frye, will introduce the guest minister, Dr. L.C. McMillian, pastor of Antioch Baptist Church, Bethel Baptist Church, and vice president of Alabama State Convention.

First Anniversary The First Anniversary of the Morning Star Singers will be held Saturday, January 11, 1997 at the Southeast District Singing Convention Building, 31/2 miles West of Danley Cross Rd., Elba, AL, on County Rd. 377 at 6:30 p.m.

Annie Siler will give the welcome. The groups in charge are: Spiritual Harmonies of Enterprise, AL and Traveling Stars of Opp, AL. All groups, soloists, and choirs are invited to share in this program.

Annual Missionary Day Shady Grove African Methodist Episcopal Church of Elba, AL will celebrate their annual Missionary Day, January 12, 1997 at 3:00 p.m. Rev. Freddie Flowers is pastor. Rev. J.C. McCloud is Presiding Elder. Rev. Zedekiah Lazen Grady is Bishop.

The welcome will be by Sister Louise Harris. The occasion will be by Sis. Pochia Jones. Sis. Doris Waters will render a solo and Sis. Gladie Goosby will give a reading. Rev. F.L. Flowers will present the guest minister, Rev. W.J. Curry, pastor of 1994 in Enterprise City Hospital, Enterprise, Alabama. She has 11 brothers and sisters to contend with and you can say she is spoiled. But, Melissa says, "Growing up is going to be a lot of fun."

Lissa's grandparents are Nunie Kelley of Elba, AL and the late Buford Kelley and Grover and Eria Belcher of Elba, AL.

Today is a good day. Be grateful. Eria

GIVE A HOOT! DON'T POLLUTE!!!

WORSHIP AT THE CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE THIS SUNDAY!! THE BLESSINGS WILL BE YOURS.

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## Student Spotlight



Pictured above are Blake Streetman, Angie Crocker, and Katie Crowe.

by Crystal Wing

**Blake Streetman** is the son of Gene and Joan Streetman. His hobby is four wheel riding. Blake is a member of FFA and FFA. He is also an active member of First Baptist.

**Angie Crocker** is the daughter of James and Margaret Crocker. Her hobbies are talking on the phone, going out with friends to Luverne, and reading. Angie is a member of FFA, PALS, and FFA. She also attends the First Assembly of God. The thing she likes best about EHS is the block schedule. She likes this because it makes the day go by faster.

**Katie Crowe** is the daughter of Dale and Nancy Crowe. Her hobbies include dancing, playing the flute, baby-sitting, and spending time with her friends. Katie is a member of SADD and J. Beta. She attends First Baptist Church. Katie also enjoys the teachers and friendly people at EHS.

## Elba Elementary School Menu

January 13, 14, 1997

Breakfast	Lunch
Monday - Toast & Jelly or Cereal, Juice, Milk	Monday - Hamburger Helper, Whole Kernel Corn, Crackers, 1/2 Apple, Milk
Tuesday - Breakfast Pizza or Cereal, Juice, Milk	Tuesday - Ham, Potato Salad, Green Beans, Roll, 1/2 Peach, Milk
Wednesday - Sausage & Biscuit or Cereal, Juice, Milk	Wednesday - Barbecue, Rice, Steamed Cabbage, Bread, 1/2 Orange, Milk
Thursday - Pancake w/ Syrup or Cereal, Juice, Milk	Thursday - Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Peas & Carrots, 1/2 Banana, Roll, Milk
Friday - Cheese Grits & Toast or Cereal, Juice, Milk	Friday - Cheesburger, Potato Tots, Lettuce, Tomato, Dill, Brownie, Milk

## Accelerated Reading Program

by Gene Benbow

Students can pick any book from the A-R, reading list, read it, then when they are ready they can take a test on the book on a computer in the library. At present the library only has 2 computers that the students can take tests on but many more are needed since there are children lined up at all times during the day to take a test on the book they just finished.

The students earn points according to the difficulty of the book and their test score. There are prizes awarded to students when they reach 25, 50, 75, and 100 points. At present, the librarians are frantically trying to come up with additional prizes for students that have earned over 100 points. The school is in need of money for this program in order to offer incentives to the students and business of individual that can donate would find that their money was well spent. The students are responding to the program far beyond all expectations. Students are reading during every spare minute. You can even see students reading during lunch and at break.

The beauty of this program is every student can be successful. A student can pick a book from any reading level so every child can pass a test and earn points. Students that never before had even read an entire reading book are reading like book worms! Our SAT reading comprehension series should go through the roof.

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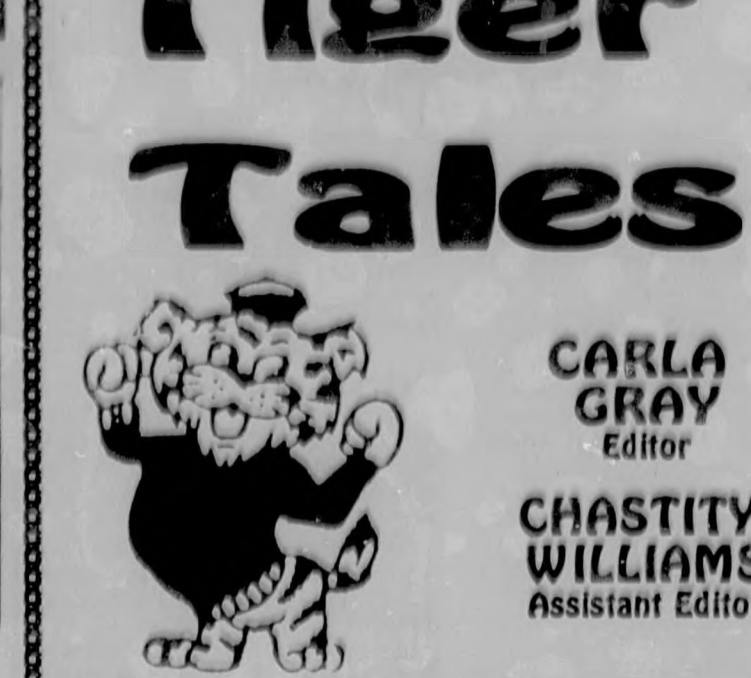
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## Tiger Tales



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## New Student in Town

by Shan Tai Caldwell

Sherri Ross since my move from Pensacola, FL, I have been in schools in Alabama including Elba High. The only school I liked was Elba. One reason for that is because it reminds me of my old high school back home. Another reason is because the students here are allowed and entitled to their opinions, on education and extracurricular activities that go on around the school campus. If I had a choice to pick out any school in Alabama I would rather graduate from Elba than Elba High.

## Level Ground

by D'Undray Peterson

Racial prejudice can take root early in human hearts. Children are colorblind until they hear adults making unfounded statements or see them shunning people of a different race. Prejudices soon become well-established weeds with deep taproots. Eradicating them isn't easy.

Law can help to maintain discrimination in housing and the workplace. But no legislation eliminates prejudice in the heart. It only sure killer is a long and hard look at what Jesus accomplished when he died on the cross.

It's there that we can receive a wisdom "full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy."

It is said that during the Civil War, General Robert E. Lee, a devout Christian, visited a church in Washington D.C. during the Communion Service. He was seen kneeling beside a black man. Later, when one asked how could he do that, Lee replied, "My friend and I are level at the foot of the cross."

What makes that ground so level? The awfulness of our sin. The price Jesus paid to forgive them, and the love he has for all people. Prejudice can not survive in the heart of one who has been kneeling at the foot of the cross.

We can kneel together at the foot of the cross.

With the holidays approaching, S.A.D.D. would like to encourage a wisdom take extra precaution when drinking. If you feel as though you have had too much to drink, please do not hesitate to call a friend or family member. After all, most accidents occur during this time of the year. The S.A.D.D. officers would also like to remind all club members that our annual Christmas party will be held on December 18th, during club day. See Coach Mims for further information regarding the party.

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## COUNSELOR'S CORNER

by Melissa Benbow

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## The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The Christmas holidays were a little out of balance this year due to the fact the kids were out of school four days before Christmas and eleven days after Christmas; however, at the Mularz house the girls made the most of their days off by sleeping until lunch and spending the night away from home. The girls spent at least five nights away from Mom and Dad, which made for a quiet, but lonely house, and never even cared about what was for breakfast. Oh well, I guess that is what vacations are for!

### ELBA TIGERS OPEN NEW YEAR WITH IMPRESSIVE WIN

The Elba Tigers opened the new year like they had closed out the old one as they posted a win on the basketball court to improve their record for the season to 8-3. The Tigers were a little sluggish at times in their big win over W.S. Neal, but turned on the burners after intermission and ran away to claim the surprisingly easy win. Elba's Derrick Daniels had his biggest night of the season in the win over Neal as he scored 27 points and totally dominated the visitors. Daniels had scored over 20 points in the win over Rehobeth prior to the holidays, and may be fast becoming the Tigers' go to man on offense. Elba still has a lot of games to play, and a team is only as good as what it did in its last game, but for now the Tigers are rolling and seem to be headed for a winning season.

### COUNTY TEAMS STRUGGLE TO SCAC TOURNAMENT

The three Coffee County schools all sent two teams to last week's South Central Athletic Conference Tournament, in Samson, but found very little to cheer about as the county teams posted a 1-6 record during their two day stay in the three day event. Kinston did post an opening round win over Arton for the only win among the county teams, while New Brockton and Zion Chapel were eliminated in the opening round in both tournaments, and Kinston's girls also fell early. What appeared to be a showcase for the county teams turned out to be a nightmare.

### AREA TEAMS CONTINUE TO STRUGGLE ON COURT

The first week of the new year did little to get area basketball fans excited as all four area teams continued to struggle on the hardwood. Here's a look back at what is happening in roundball action...

**\*\*KINSTON** (4-7) remained winless with a loss to Samson in the SCAC Tournament, but got back Ara Moore after a long absence due to injuries suffered in an automobile accident, and still has the talent to win more than his share of games. The Bulldogs have the depth to battle for all four quarters and some of the area's top players, when they play up to their potential. If Kinston can play with consistency and confidence, the wins will come. If not, the Bulldogs will get blown out some nights when they should have had a shot at winning. It may be more mental than physical.

**\*\*NEW BROCKTON** (4-7) may have the best 4-7 team anywhere in the nation, and if not, has without a doubt the hardest working team anywhere on the map. The Gamecocks lost to G.W. Long for the fourth time this season in the opening round of the SCAC Tournament, but once again fought the talented Rebels down to the wire and could have easily claimed the win. The Gamecocks have some talent, but not enough at every position to win every night out, and make up for their short-comings with hustle and desire. Don't feel sorry for the Gamecocks, they could still make some noise before the season winds down.

**\*\*ZION CHAPEL** (0-8) remained winless with a loss to Samson in the SCAC Tournament, but the Rebels never quit fighting and are still a team that other teams hate to play. The Rebels have plenty of talent at spots, and if the remainder of the players can pick it up just a notch, the wins should start coming. The biggest test the Rebels players have to avoid is falling into the mind set that they can't win. This bunch lost big in football and has yet to win in basketball; however, Zion Chapel has always been a winner in sports and will again, this season!

**\*\*BRANTLEY** (7-6) continued to have to fight for its life every time it took to the court last week, and despite the Bulldogs' less than impressive record, still have a very good 1A team and should be ready to make a run real soon. The Bulldogs have a very young team that has yet to taste the joys of winning big time, but when that comes, these hungry 'Dogs will go on a feeding frenzy and the wins will start to mount. Folks in Brantley don't ever get too excited until the last few weeks of the season and the tournament, and they still may have something to get excited about before long.

### CLEANING UP THE DESK...

Cleaning out the desk on a Sunday afternoon...

**\*\*The Dothan Progress Basketball Tournament** was a huge success again this year, and the teams were paid \$550 for each game in which they played. Andalusia, Dothan, Headland and Randolph Clay all pocketed \$2,600 for their four game appearance, while the rest of the money was divided up among the schools competing. The tournament showcases the talents of area high school athletes, and at the same time allows the schools to put some much needed money in their athletic accounts. The tournament is a win-win situation for all involved, and maybe next year the girls team will be added, making the event a true high school extravaganza.

**\*\*The Coffee County Junior High Basketball Tournament** will be played next week at Elba High School, and for the first time in the tournament's long history, it will include competition in three different divisions. This year there will be action for 8th and 9th grade boys, as well as 9th grade girls. This year's tournament will be minus a few teams, especially in the 9th grade event. However, it will be fun and excitement for all involved, and that was why I began the tournament many, many years ago while serving as an officer in the Elba Athletic Club.

**\*\*The college bowl games** were just as plentiful as ever, but I'll have to admit that I watched very few games and didn't get excited about any of the games. I was glad to see Coach Gene Stallings go out a winner at Alabama, which was somewhat of a re-occurring miracle with the Tide's dismal offense, and was on the front of my seat for the ending of the Auburn game. Other than that, all the games did was give me a chance to lay down on the sofa and catch up on my sleep.

## Red Cross lifeguard course set for ESJC on March 3-15

Enterprise State Junior College will host a Red Cross certified lifeguarding class on March 3-15, from 6:00 until 9:00 p.m.

The cost of the class will be \$61, and those attending the course will also receive training in basic first aid and CPR.

For more information, contact Dr. Joan Newman at 393-3752.

Anyone completing the course will be eligible for employment with the Elba Department of Parks and Recreation.

This winter quarter, the pool will be available for approximately twenty-one hours per week. Tentative hours are 1:30 - 4:00 p.m. on Mondays through Thursdays; 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. on Fridays; and from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays.

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## Sports

### Improve record to 8-3

## Tigers nail W.S. Neal 78-59

The Elba Tigers poured in 48 second-half points Friday night to pull away and claim an impressive 78-59 win over the W.S. Neal Blue Eagles, in Elba.

The win improved Elba's record to 8-3, while W.S. Neal slipped to 1-5 with the loss.

The Tigers came out ready to play after the long holiday break and behind the play of Derrick Daniels pulled out to an 18-11 lead with 1:01 left in the opening stanza.

Elba carried an 18-13 advantage into the second period, but saw the Eagles claw their way back into the game as the visitors outscored the Tigers 15-12 to pull within 30-28 at intermission.

Derrick Daniels scorched the nets for 13 points in the third quarter to spark a Tiger rally that pushed Elba's lead to 54-45 by the end of the stanza, and the fourth quarter was all Elba as the Tigers never slowed down and ran away with the 78-59 win.

Derrick Daniels scored 27 points to lead Elba, while Bruce Cole added 11. Bailey scored 19 points and Peters added 17 for W.S. Neal.

### Tigers move area slate to 1-1 with 79-65 win over Rehobeth

The Elba Tigers moved their record to 7-3 prior to the holidays with a 79-65 win over the Rehobeth Rebels, in Rehobeth.

The win was also an Area 3 victory for the Tigers, and moved their Area slate to 1-1.

The first quarter was a see-saw affair as both teams lit up the scoreboard, but the Tigers outscored the Rebels in both the opening stanzas and at intermission went in with a 36-31 lead.

Elba stretched its lead to 55-45 by the end of the third quarter and easily held on for the big road win.

Derrick Daniels scored 23 points to lead Elba, while Courtney Robinson added 14 and D'Undray Peterson and Bruce Cole both scored 10. Snell scored 26 to lead the Rebels.

Elba (79): Daniels 23, Robinson 14, Siler 6, Peterson 10, Ware 4, Cole 11, Reed 8, Rehobeth (65): Snell 26, Richardson 8, Stephens 11, Johnson 15, Tomberlin 2, Prevatt 3.

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation is offering Tae-Kwon-Do Karate classes at the Elba Recreation Center, located in the former Army Reserve Center building, on Claxton Avenue.

The classes are for both children and adults, and will include instruction in self-defense, sparring and physical conditioning.

Classes will be held on Tuesday and Thursday nights at 6:00 p.m., with the cost of the classes only \$15 per month.

The instructor will be Michael Patrick, an officer in the Elba Police Department, and a 3rd degree black belt.

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(B GAME)

The Elba B team pushed its record to 3-2 Friday night with a 53-44 win over W.S. Neal.

The Tigers trailed 12-10 after one stanza, but outscored the Eagles 18-4 in the second quarter to grab a 28-16 halftime lead, and held on late to claim the win.

Derrick Duncan and Daniel Mardock both scored 10 points to lead Elba, while Terry Led W.S. Neal with 19 points.

Elba (53): Daniels 2, Mitchell 1, Coleman 9, Hooks 8, Duncan 10, Wicker 8, Mardock 10, Hughes 5, W.S. Neal (44): Terry 19, Sims 4, Carroll 11, Crook 10.

(B GAME)

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## Coffee County United Way Campaign highest ever

The Coffee County annual United Way campaign has reached and exceeded its goal of \$175,000. As of December 18, the totals pledged to date are \$175,682 or 100.4% of the goal set by the campaign committee. This is the largest amount ever raised in Coffee County.

The Coffee County unit of the Wiregrass United Way conducts its own campaign and allocates the funds raised to agencies serving citizens of the county. Local agencies include the Coffee/Geneva Chapter of the American Red Cross, the Christian Mission Center, the Enterprise YMCA, the Salvation Army, the Wiregrass United Way, the South Central Alabama Mental Health and

sixteen others. Employee groups making significant contributions to the 1996 Coffee County campaign include PricewaterhouseCoopers, DynCorp, Dorsey Trailers, UPS Enterprise, and Alabama Power Company. Accounts with significant increases include Citizens Bank of Enterprise, Colonial Bank of Enterprise, SouthTrust Bank of Elba, Regions Bank Enterprise, Community Bank and Trust, Goolsby Plumbing, Lowes, and Mitchell Mazda/Nissan.

The Coffee County and Dale County campaigns have now both reached goals with Houston County close behind at 97%. Geneva County has reached 84% and Henry County 90%. The total raised by the Wire-

grass United Way 1996 Campaign to-date is \$1,706,970, which exceeds the 1995 campaign, but is \$40,000 short of goal.

"Our success confirms it can be done," stated Bill Cole, Colonial Bank in Enterprise, and chairman of the Coffee County Campaign. "I fully believe the combined totals for all five counties will exceed the goal by December 31. It's been great to be a part of this success."

Donations to the 1996 Campaign can be directed to the Wiregrass United Way, P.O. Box 405, Dothan, AL 36302. More information about the Wiregrass United Way and participating agencies can be obtained by calling 792-9661 or 1-800-670-9845, or in Enterprise, 393-1072.



Tamburitzaans

## Coffee County Arts Alliance to present The Tamburitzaans January 18th

The internationally famous Tamburitzaans of Duquesne University will be appearing at Enterprise High School Auditorium on Saturday, Jan-

uary 18, at 7:30 p.m. Their performance is being brought to the Wiregrass by the Coffee County Arts Alliance.

## Principles of Investing Course being taught at ESJC

Learn all about the investments available today in Enterprise State Junior College's special interest course Principles of Investing. Novice and seasoned investors will learn more about the advantages and disadvantages of the various investments and which ones meet personal financial needs and goals. Topics covered include the eight rules for successful investing, the difference between bond and equity investments, the relationship between risk and reward, and the structure of a suitable portfolio given risk and reward parameters. The course will be taught Tuesdays, 6:00-8:00 p.m., February 4 through March 18. There is a January 28 registration deadline and a \$25.00 fee for the course. For more information call 334-393-ESJC, ext. 234.

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The Tamburitzaans' production has been linked to an European musical tour. In hundreds of colorful and authentic costumes, the students perform with brilliance, forming a kaleidoscope of impressions, the most fascinating and romantic parts of the Balkans and neighboring lands. Dances, rituals, songs, costumes, folklore - all unfold in a brilliant array of color and high-speed precision.

Tickets are on sale now in Enterprise at West Gate Book and Gift 347-4422, The Framery, Plain 'N' Fancy, in Elba at The Jewel Box and at the ITR Office Fort Rucker.

## American Sign Language classes being offered

American Sign Language (ASL I and ASL II) classes are being offered by the Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind at the Dothan Regional Center.

Classes are scheduled as follows: ASL I - Tuesdays beginning January 7, 1997 from 6:00-8:00 p.m., and Saturdays beginning January 11, 1997 from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon; ASL II will be taught Saturdays beginning January 11, 1997 from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

The instructor will be Deb Walker, AIDB Staff Interpreter and the cost will be \$40.00. Each class meets once a week for 8 weeks at the AIDB Regional Center located at 105 Executive Park Drive, Dogwood Court, Dothan, AL.

To register, call Kathy Lord at (334)677-6270.

## Free Literacy Training Workshop offered at ESJC

Learn how to teach others to read! A FREE Literacy Volunteer Training Workshop held at Enterprise State Junior College teaches volunteers how to tutor adult non-readers and low-level learners. Participants examine the psychology of the adult learner, study the use of Laubach reading materials, and consider other methods for teaching adults. The workshop is scheduled for 7:00-9:30 p.m., February 3, 10, 15, and 24. There is no charge for this workshop, and the registration deadline is January 31. Class is limited to the first twenty people to register. For more information, call 393-ESJC, ext. 266, and to register call ext. 234.



**NATIVE SON COMES HOME FOR VISIT** Bob Inman returned to his roots during the Christmas holidays for a short visit in Elba with childhood friends and family members. He was honored by the hometown folks at Aunt B's Bed & Breakfast with a reception on Sunday afternoon, December 29th. Inman is the author of several books, including *Hall of Fame* in 1987, and *Old Dogs and Children* in 1991. His first novel was named one of the best books of 1987 by *The Philadelphia Enquirer*. He has also written six screen plays, two of which were "Hall of Fame" presentations. Inman has another novel, *Dairy Queen Days*, scheduled for publication in March of this year. The author plans an autograph session in Elba following the publication of this latest writing. Inman is presently writing a Sunday column for the newspaper in Charlotte, NC, *The Charlotte Observer*.

Pictured above with the author at the reception are: daughter Lee; standing from left front are wife Paulette; uncle, Ed Cooper and Barbara Hudson; "Aunt B"; back row are cousin, Cheryl Cooper; aunt, Nona Cooper and Inman. Also on hand to assist with welcoming Mr. Inman and his family were local beauty queens, Miss Elba Destiny Brown, Junior Miss Elba Misty Kelley and Little Miss Elba Haley Stinson.

## S.E. Regional Planning & Development Committee receives \$99,500 grant

Southeast Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission has been approved for a \$99,500 Rural Business Enterprise Grant from USDA Rural Development. The commission will establish Micro revolving loan funds to provide small businesses and industries in Southeast Alabama with pay financing loans that leverage private investment and create and retain permanent jobs in the commission's service area.

The SEARPD Rural Business Enterprise Grant/Microloan Revolving Loan Fund Program is a locally controlled source of capital used to finance startup and expanding businesses or entrepreneurial projects in rural areas of Barbour, Coffee, Dale, Geneva, Henry and Houston Counties. Microenterprise (Micro) and Microcapital (MicroC) RLF funds are available depending on project needs. Projects must meet program guidelines and be creditworthy.

The businesses targeted for Microloan financing are: small manufacturing companies and service related companies, new and emerging industries and new technologies that have a uniqueness that will add value to the regional rural economy, and other businesses that may help a rural community improve its development potential and where such assistance is requested by the community's governing body. Loan decisions are made locally by the SEARPD RLF Board, which is representative of the regional community. Local emphasis means faster response to loan requests and a minimum of "red tape." However, USDA/Rural Development loan application and review and environmental regulations apply. For more information concerning the Microloan Program, contact Thomas B. Solomon or Emily Ausley at (334)794-0095.



**ELBA SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS DECORATE RECREATION DEPARTMENT CHRISTMAS TREE.**...Students from the special education classes of Mrs. Katrina Palmer and Mrs. Janice Clark, of the Elba Elementary School, paid a special visit to the Elba Recreation Center prior to the holidays to decorate the department's Christmas tree. The students, along with students from the second grade class of Mrs. Ella Kate Ham, made decorations to go on the tree. Elba Mayor James Grimes was on hand to help the students decorate the tree and help the students celebrate with a party.

## Client Assistant Program representative to be at the Department of Rehabilitation Services January 13th

A Client Assistance Program representative will be at the Department of Rehabilitation Services located at 518 E. Parklane Shopping Center in Troy on January 13, 1997 at 1:00 p.m. to answer questions and help you understand the rehabilitation program. If you are a person with a disability who needs information about, or help with your Department of Rehabilitation Services program, please contact the Client Assistance Program at 1-800-228-3231 to arrange an appointment. Our office hours are from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.; TDD and Alabama Message 2276 or 1-800-228-3231 and speak Relay calls are also accepted. Even with an SACAP representative about if you do not wish to meet with our any problems you may be experienced representative in person, you may ing, or for answers to questions you still contact our office at (334) 281- might have.

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## Elba City Council's meeting smooth

By Ferrin Cox, Publisher

Monday evening the Elba City Council got an update on police department activities, was told a commercial ambulance service is locating in Elba, approved an ordinance on garbage disposal cost, extended the garbage pick-up contract, approved seeking bids on a street sweeper, approved new fire department officers, paid monthly bills, and received a written report on the status of leases and sales of old school property.

Police Chief R. W. Whitworth told the council the department had made 82 arrests during the past month. This included 57 traffic tickets and 25 criminal arrests.

The K-9 dog assisted in making 23 drug arrests around the Wiregrass area in the last two months. He also helped find an escaped county jail inmate and a robbery suspect.

Whitworth explained that Elba's K-9 dog often works with other departments and their dogs in drug searches at schools. This cooperative effort gets a complete search done fast and in a less disruptive manner for the schools.

Jimmy Hartin, of Hartin's Ambulance Service, Georgiana, Alabama, told council members his firm would be opening a station in Elba within the next two weeks, pending state permitting. He said they have bid on the contract at the local hospital and were hopeful of receiving this contract.

Hartin commended the local rescue squad and said Elba needed to keep them. His firm sticks with private transfers, etc., on a 24 hour basis, but will be available to assist the rescue squad if needed.

Virginia Long spoke as a member of the rescue squad and said she could find no member who was opposed to this new firm locating here.

Council member John Sharpless noted that at present there is a one or two hour wait for ambulance transfers to out of town hospitals and a local firm would speed this up considerably.

The council officially passed an ordinance on free garbage pick-up for Social Security recipients. State law requires this, Elba has been doing it but Mayor James Grimes said they could find no permanent ordinance making it the official policy.

The garbage pick-up contract with City Services was extended for three years. It was extended for one year at this time last year. There is no increase in fees, nor any other change in the contract. The contract can be canceled by Elba with a 45 day notice to the company. The company can terminate the contract with a 90 day notice to the city.

Grimes presented information on a street sweeper, which he recommended the city purchase. A new unit will cost about \$82,000 and carry a one year warranty. However, a rebuilt unit is available for \$44,000 with a six month warranty.

Councilman Den Carpenter was opposed to a proposal that the utility board buy the unit without bids. He said it was just an effort to get around the Alabama bid law.

Sharpless recommended buying the new unit if it was going to be used as much as the mayor said. "A half worn unit will only last half as long," he said.

The council voted to seek bids on a new street sweeper. They want one

which uses a conveyor, rather than a vacuum pick up system. The last sweeper owned by Elba was a vacuum type.

Monthly bills totaling \$21,673.69 were approved for payment.

City Clerk Don Morrow reported the sewer taps (hookups) on the new sewer lines was progressing well. He added that people were slow in giving easements, but he planned to go house-to-house on this.

The new police department SOP has been completed by Chief Whitworth and his staff. It will become official after meetings with police supervisors.

The council officially approved new officers for the fire department. They are William Driggers, chief; Larry Goodson, assistant chief; Tim Bradshaw, captain; Stuart Bane, captain; Mike Tindel and Dennis Manning, Lieutenants; Buddy Manning, secretary and William Lawford, treasurer.

Council members were given a written report on the status of leases and sales of various parts of the old school property.

Grimes told council members that former Elba football standout Ronald McKinnon will be given the "key to the city" at the January 25th Chamber of Commerce annual meeting.

## County Commission holds first meeting in 1997

By Marvin McLwain, Editor

The Coffee County Commission's first meeting of 1997 was a smooth one with the commissioners moving through a relatively small agenda in just over an hour.

One of the first items of business was the matter tabled from the last meeting - the condition of the floor covering on the bottom floor of the courthouse in Elba.

After motion to untangle the matter for discussion passed, commissioners wasted little time in dealing with the issue.

Commissioner Robert Stephens made the motion that the floor tile be replaced with a commercial grade indoor/outdoor carpet at a cost of \$2,403.00. New carpet will also be placed on each of the porches and steps leading into the courthouse.

Turning to new business, the commissioners heard a proposal from the county's computer programmer, John Brim. He told com-

missioners that it is not possible for one man, especially on a part-time basis, to keep up with the programming changes being made in the different computer software being used by the county.

Brim works for both Coffee and Dale counties working in each of the counties 20 hours per week. His primary duties deal with the revenue commissioner's office; however, he works with all the county offices which are on computers.

His proposal was to enter into a maintenance contract with Gemini Consultants to keep the computer software being used by the probate office updated. The software presently being utilized by the office was purchased from Gemini. Cost of the contract would be \$6,500.00 annually.

After several questions concerning the proposal were fielded by Brim, the commissioners voted to table the matter until the next meeting.

Commissioners were given a copy of

the proposed contract for their review.

Another matter concerning the probate office was discussed during Monday's meeting. Probate Judge William Gammill appeared before the commissioners asking them to create one additional slot in the Enterprise office.

The judge apologized to the commissioners for coming before them with such a request out of the budget cycle. The new operating budget for the county was voted on, and approved, in September of 1996.

He told commissioners that the last time a slot had been added to the Enterprise office was in 1983 or 1984. Since that time, the work loads have increased considerably.

Gammill noted that in 1983 there were about 98 or 99 different tags in the probate office. Now, there are more than 200 different type tags handled by his office.

In 1983, approximately 3,500 documents came through the probate

office. Presently, more than 10,000 documents are processed annually by the probate office in Enterprise.

Gammill told commissioners that a letter of resignation by one of his 12-year employees had prompted him to ask the commission for the additional slot. Her reason for resigning was due to being overworked.

According to the judge, the employee had accumulated more than 200 hours in comp time and had lost over 240 hours in annual time.

"We are working very hard in the probate office but we need some help," he said. "I think there is justification for two more people, but I'm only asking for one."

Gammill was asked by Commissioner Bernest Brooks if there were any provisions or other line item

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## U. S. Highway 84 changing route west of Elba

The Alabama Department of Transportation would like to inform motorists of a route signing change involving AL 166 and US 84. This change involves signing US 84 over Old Curtis Road from the Elba stockyard to Curtis. The section of highway from the Elba stockyard to Danley's Crossroads will be AL 166.

The department regrets any inconvenience this action may cause. If any additional information is needed, you may contact the Department of Transportation at 334/47-8166.

These changes are scheduled to begin Monday, January 20, 1997.

## NOTICE

The offices in Elba's City Hall will be closed Monday, January 20, in observance of Martin Luther King's birthday. Emergency crews will be on standby for the water & electric and street departments. They can be reached by calling 897-2555. Garbage pickup schedules will not change.

**HAVE A SAFE HOLIDAY!**

**RONALD MCKINNON TO ADDRESS CHAMBER.**...The guest speaker for the Elba Chamber of Commerce's annual membership banquet will be Elba's own Ronald McKinnon. McKinnon was an outstanding athlete at Elba High School in the early '90s and went on to have a phenomenal career in college. During his four years at the University of North Alabama, McKinnon set numerous records, and in his senior year won the coveted Harlon Hill Trophy. He was the first defensive player in the 10-year history of the trophy to win this honor. McKinnon is presently a member of the Arizona Cardinals professional football team. Pictured above is Ronald (center) with his father, Rubin McKinnon, and his mother, the late Armine Jean McKinnon.

## HAPPENINGS

**CHAMBER MEMBERSHIP BANQUET.** The Elba Chamber of Commerce annual membership banquet is scheduled for Saturday, January 25, 1997, at 6:00 p.m. at the Elba High School Cafeteria. Tickets for the event are \$15 each and must be purchased in advance (deadline Friday, January 17). Call the Chamber office at 897-3125 or contact any Chamber Board Member (Herby McCall, Doris Matthews, Melba Hollingshead, Betty Brunson, Kenneth Calhoun, Gary Allen, Jerry Kelley, Myrna Cowen, Dale Crowe, Ralph Bradley, or Daniel Stephens) TODAY for reservations. Guest speaker for the event will be Ronald McKinnon, of the Arizona Cardinals.

**EHS ON INTERNET.** Elba High School is on the World Wide Web. EHS presently has one link to the Internet with the expectation of more being available in the near future. The school's address for the home page is: <http://www.alaweb.com/~dstokes/elhs.htm>

**RATTLESNAKE RODEO BEAUTY PAGEANT.** The Opp Jayces 32nd Annual Rattlesnake Rodeo Beauty Pageant will be held on Saturday, Feb. 22, at 7:00 p.m. in the Opp High School Auditorium. The pageant is open to girls who are juniors in high school and girls to age 21. Entry fees are competitive - \$50; photogenic - \$10 (additional); and a lot's fee of \$15 for anyone entering after Feb. 17. For more info call the Opp Jayces at (334) 493-9559.

dugouts first, to insure they are ready for baseball season. Pearce said that way, bad weather will not prevent the use of the new ball fields for the 1997 baseball season.

The engineers for the connector road have requested to meet with the school board at their February meeting. This is a City of Elba project, however city officials are coordinating the project with school officials.

The three school superintendents in Coffee County met last week with Representative Garrett Moore to express their concerns on school funding and other related matters, Pearce explained to the board. He said that was due to the late arrival of a federal reimbursement from the USDA. According to the superintendents, the federal funds have arrived, but came after the monthly financial statement had been prepared.

The superintendent gave an update on construction projects, including the bus barn, baseball/softball complex and the connector street from Taylor Mill Road.

According to Pearce, the site work at the bus barn should be done within the next few days, if the weather cooperates. He said the contractor had committed to getting the project ready the moment the weather allowed.

The contractor on building the dugouts and press box will build the

ready having computer contacts with schools across the nation as well as foreign countries. They are also using the computer for Internet access to do research on school projects.

Stokes said, "Our program is not cutting edge, but ahead of a lot of other schools around the country."

An additional computer with Internet connections is being donated by an Internet access firm in Enterprise, Pearce told board members. This unit will be placed in the Elementary school.

The board adopted an amendment to the official board policy adopting "Site Based Management." This formalizes what both Elba schools were already doing, Pearce explained.

The schools will formally appoint "a committee made up of teachers' support staff, parents and local interested citizens to provide input into the development of local school budgets."

The budgets prepared by the principals, with the input of the committee, will be presented to the superintendent for board approval each year.